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SUBJECT: PERONIST YOUTH REACTION TO APPOINTMENT OF LOPEZ REGA AS
THEIR CONTACT WITH PERON

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1. SUMMARY. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PERONIST YOUTH (JP) DENIED
IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ALMOST IN ENTIRETY THE GOVERNMENT VERSION
OF THEIR MEETING WITH PERON ON SATURDAY AND CLAIMED PERON
HAD INDICATED THERE WOULD BE NO INTERMEDIARIES BETWEEN THE JP
AND PERON. LASTIRI RECONFIRMS THAT THIS WILL BE LOPEZ REGA'S
FUNCTION. END SUMMARY, NO ACTION REQUIRED.

2. PRESS SECRETARY ABRAS ISSUED A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE
MEETING THAT WAS HELD SATURDAY THE 21 ST BETWEEN PERON, PROVISIONAL
PRESIDENT LASTIRI, SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER LOPEZ REGA AND FOUR
LEADERS OF THE PERONIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION. THE COMMUNIQUE STATED
THAT DURING THE MEETING PERON HAD NAMED LOPEZ REGA AS HIS
EXCLUSIVE AND DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE JP. PERON IS
ALSO ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID THAT LOPEZ REGA HAD HIS COMPLETE
CONFIDENCE AND THAT HE WAS APPOINTED TO DEAL WITH ANY DISCONTENT
ON THE PART OF THE JP. PERON IS ALSO ALLEGED TO HAVE REQUESTED THE
JP'S SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT, THEIR HELP IN MAINTAINING THE
TRANQUILITY OF THE NATION AND THEIR RESPECT FOR THE VERTICALITY OF
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THE PERONIST MOVEMENT.

3. AS POINTED OUT IN THE REGTEL, THERE IS NO LOVE LOST BETWEEN THE JP AND LOPEZ REGA. A NEGATIVE RESPONSE ON THE PART OF THE JP WAS THEREFORE EXPECTED. IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE OF YESTERDAY THE JP DENIED ALMOST ALL OF WHAT THE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINED THAT PERON HAD SAID IN THE INTERVIEW ON JULY 21. THE JP SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PERON HAD TOLD THE JP LEADERS THAT THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY TYPE OF INTERMEDIARIES BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THEIR ORGANIZATION. A DECLARATION DISTRIBUTED AT THE CONFERENCE STATED "WE WANT TO MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THERE ARE NO INTERMEDIARIES BETWEEN THE PERONIST YOUTH AND GENERAL PERON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION OF OUR LEADER (PERON)". IT WAS ALSO CLAIMED THAT PERON HAD MADE NO MENTION OF THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING THE TRANQUILITY OF THE NATION NOR OF RESPECTING THE VERTICALITY OF THE MOVEMENT, BUT INSTEAD PRAISED THE JP FOR ITS LOYALTY AND HARD WORK OVER THE YEARS. THE JP CLAIMED THAT IT WAS NOT THEY, BUT LOPEZ REGA, OSINDE, NORMA KENNEDY, RUCCI ET AL WHO WERE DISTURBING PUBLIC ORDER, AS AT EZEIZA ON JUNE 20, AND THAT AS FAR AS VERTICALITY GOES, THEY HAD AN 18 YEAR RECORD OF LOYALTY TO PERON.

4. LASTIRI IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE OF YESTERDAY ASSURED THE REPORTERS THAT ALL CONTACT BETWEEN THE JP AND PERON WOULD INDEED BE MADE THROUGH LOPEZ REGA AND THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS ORDERED BY PERON. LASTIRI ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT ADDRESS TO THE NATION ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK.

5. THUS THE STAGE IS SET FOR ANOTHER POSSIBLE SERIOUS CONFRONTATION BETWEEN RIVAL PERONIST GROUPS. THIS, IN ADDITION TO THE CONTINUING LABOR TROUBLES IN CORDOBA, PUTS MORE STRESS ON THE FRAMEWORK WHICH LOOSELY HOLDS TOGETHER THE MANY DIVERSE ELEMENTS OF THE PERONIST MOVEMENT.

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